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<b>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</b>  Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket	LIFE-029
	First Named Inventor	Kermani et al.
	Application Number	09/974,597
	Filing Date	October 1, 2001
	Group Art Unit Conf. No.	1700
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	Title	DETERMINATION OF SAMPLE VOLUME ADEQUACY IN BIOSENSOR DEVICES

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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above in response to the Patent and Trademark Office's Decision Granting Petition (Paper No. 10). Prior to examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendment to the specification:

#### AMENDMENTS

Please add the attached Figures 1-8 to the application.

#### REMARKS

Applicants request that the Examiner consider Figures 1-8 for sufficiency and new matter.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (650) 833-7774.

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